

4. (Currently Amended) A connection piece according to any of the preceding claims claim 1, wherein the end sections of the connection piece are flexibly connected.

5. (Original) A connection piece according to claim 4, composed of at least two separate elements which are pivotally connected together, each element having formed thereon one of said end sections and a part of said central body.

6. (Original) A connection piece according to claim 5, wherein said elements are pivotally connected together at the centre of the central body.

7. (Original) A connection piece according to claim 5 or claim 6, wherein each element is pivotally movable ~~relative~~ to the other element through substantially 180° about a signal axis both clockwise and anti-clockwise.

8. (Original) A connection piece according to claim 7, wherein said single axis lies in the plane of and extends substantially perpendicular to said central body.

9. (Currently Amended) A connection piece according to any of claims claim 6 to 8, further including biasing means connected between said elements which urges said sections into a first, un-rotated position in which the parts of the central body carried on the two sections are aligned.

10. (Currently Amended) A connection piece according to any of claims claim 6 to 9, wherein said elements are connected together by means of a double hinge.

11. (Currently Amended) A connection piece according to any of claims claim 6 to 9, wherein said elements are connected together by a resiliently deformable member.

12. (Original) A connection piece according to claim 11, wherein said resiliently deformable member is an elastic band which is attached to the end section carried on each element.

13. (Original) A connection piece according to claim 12, wherein said elastic band has a hoop on each end which engages in an annular recess formed in each end section.

14. (Currently Amended) A connection piece according to ~~any of claims~~ claim 5 to 13, wherein each element has a basal flange.

15. (Currently Amended) A connection piece according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein each end section has a recess in its upper end for receiving, in use, a mounting peg of a mounting element such as a piece of scenery.

16. (Currently Amended) An assembly for guiding a toy vehicle, the assembly comprising a plurality of substantially rectilinear track elements and a plurality of element connectors according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, each track element having three or more edges, and each edge having a shaped recess for receiving and retaining one end section of a connector, such that, in use, the connectors releasably retain the track elements with the ends of abutting edges in alignment.

17. (Original) An assembly according to claim 16, wherein each track element is provided with two or more track-defining formations to allow the vehicle to be guided along two or more different pathways, and the track-defining formations being configured and positioned to facilitate alignment of the pathways between abutting track elements.

18. (Original) An assembly according to claim 17, wherein both main faces of each track element are provided with two or more track-defining formations, the track-defining formation being configured differently on each face.

19. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to ~~any of claims~~ claim 16 to 18, wherein the track-defining formation comprises a pair of equi-spaced grooves.

20. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to ~~any of claims~~ claim 16 to 19, wherein the track elements are substantially square.

21. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to ~~any of claims~~ claim 16 to 20, wherein the recesses are positioned and configured to allow any of the edges of a track element to be connected to any edge of another track element with the ends of the connected edges in alignment.

22. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to ~~any of claims~~ claim 16 ~~to~~ 21, wherein the track elements are formed from a semi-rigid foam material.

23. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to ~~any of claims~~ claim 16 ~~to~~ 22, wherein the shaped-recesses and each end of each connector are of complementary shape.

24. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to ~~any of claims~~ claim 16 ~~to~~ 23, wherein one or more secondary elements are provided, each secondary element having an upper surface and a lower surface, the lower surface having formations for complementary engagement with track-defining formations, such that, 5 in use, the secondary formations overlie some or all of a pathway on a track element.